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1. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JAPAN , FEN (AFRTS) HAS PROVIDED
AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO THE PERSONNEL OF USFJ. BECAUSE IT
BROADCASTS ON ORDINARY COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCAST
FREQUENCIES, TI ALSO HAS ATTRACTED WIDE AUDIENCE OF
ENGLISH-SPEAKING LISTENERS, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF
JAPAN, WHO VALUE IT AS THEIR MAJOR SOURCE OF ENGLISH
LANGUAGE NEWS, SPECIAL FEATURES, AND SPORTS. RECOGNIZING
CONTRIBUTION TO MORALE AND WELL-BEING OF US FORCES IN
JAPAN, GOJ HAS NEVER RAISED OBJECTIONS TO FEN BROAD-
CASTING OR TO ITS PROGRAM CONTENT. WE FORESEE CON-
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TINUING GOJ ACCEPTANCE OF ROLE OF FEN IN CONTRIBUTING
TO MORALE AND COMMAND FUNCTION, AND THEREBY TO EFFECTIVE
MUTUAL SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

2. ATTEMPT TO PUT FEN ON NON-APPROPRIATED-FUND, COMMERCIAL
BASIS, HOWEVER, WOULD RUN SERIOUS RISK OF OPENING FEN
OPERATIONS TO EXAMINATION AND QUESTION BY GOJ, POSSIBLY

RESULTING IN ITS TAKING DIM VIEW OF PRESENT, ACCEPTED
MODE OF OPERATION AND BROADCAST CONTENT. VIRTUALLY
CERTAIN OBJECTIONS FROM JAPANESE COMMERCIAL BROADCASTERS
AND BUSINESS INTERESTS WOULD CREATE SERIOUS POLITICAL
PROBLEMS FOR GOJ, WHICH IT WOULD NOT WISH TO TAKE ON
WITH NOTHING TO BE GAINED FOR ITS PART. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
RAISING OF ISSUE WOULD RUN SERIOUS RISK OF ROUSING
FEELING THAT FEN, EVEN AS PRESENTLY OPERATED, IS BUT
ANOTHER VESTIGE OF OCCUPATION ERA WHICH CONSTITUTES
UNACCEPTABLE VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGNTY.

3. PERTINENT LAWS, REGULATIONS AND AGREEMENTS WILL BE
ADDRESSED BY COMUSJAPAN. WHILE EMBASSY WOULD BE WILLING
TO TAKE SOUNDING WITH GOJ, WE BELIEVE PROPOSAL WOULD
MEET QUICK REJECTION.
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